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By the QUEEN, A PROCLAMATION.

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WHereas We have Receiv'd Information, That divers Persons who have actually been in Our Service as Soldiers, in the Troops and Companies which have been Rais'd during this present War, for the Safety of this Kingdom, and for the Common Defence of the Protestant Religion, and the Preservation of the Liberties of Europe, *have Deserted Our said Service, and withdrawn themselves into Places Obscure, whereof some have been Apprehended, and Sentenced to Death according to their Demerits, as the Law does Require, and the rest will be liable to the same Punishments whenever they shall be Discover'd; yet to shew all Our Loving Subjects how Inclinable We are to extend Our Mercy to all such as shall not obstinately decline it by persisting in their Offences, We have thought fit, by and with the Advice of Our Privy-Council, to Publish this Our Royal Proclamation, hereby declaring, That We do freely Pardon and Forgive all such Soldiers, either of Our Land-Forces or Marines, who have at any time before the Date of this Our Royal Proclamation, been Guilty of any Desertion; provided those that are Absent do respectively Return to Our Service before the Twentieth Day of* June *next, and those that are already Apprehended, do betake themselves to the Exercise of their Duty, upon being restor'd to the Post and Places whence they Deserted. And upon these Terms and Conditions, and not otherwise, We do hereby Remit and Release all and every the said Crimes and Offences, and all Pains of Death, and Pains Corporal, and do hereby Discharge all the said Offenders, and every of them, from further Prosecution and Inquiries in order thereunto. And We do hereby give Notice to all Magistrates and Officers, both Civil and Military, That it is Our Royal Will and Pleasure, That they do not in any sort call in Question any Soldier, either of Our Land-Forces or Marines, for any Matter or Thing hereby Pardoned and Discharged; but at the same time We do declare, That for the future We expect that all Soldiers, who are now Listed, or hereafter shall be Enter'd into Our Service, should so demean themselves, as not to fall into any the like Offences, which if any from henceforth shall presume to Commit, they shall hereafter be Proceeded against with the utmost Rigor and Severity.*

Given at Our Court at *Kensington* the Tenth Day of *May*, 1708. In the Seventh Year of Our Reign.

God save the QUEEN.

St. James's, May 11. The following Addresses have been presented to Her Majesty.

To the QUEEN's most Excellent Majesty.

The humble Address of the Noblemen, Barons, and other Heretors of the Shire of Lanerk; *presented to her Majesty by his Grace the Duke of* Hamilton.

May it please your Majesty,

WE your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects beg leave at this time to acknowledge the many Blessings we enjoy under your Majesty's most happy Reign and auspicious Government; and to return your Majesty our most humble and hearty Thanks for our seasonable Relief at this juncture, by sending so great a Fleet, and such a considerable Body of Troops to our Assistance, when in so imminent Danger from an Invasion of a Popish and *French* Power.

As we cannot but attribute this our Deliverance (next to Divine Providence) to your Majesty's Vigilance and Care of us; so we do assure your Majesty we will support, maintain and defend your Majesty's Title and Government against the Pretender, and all other your Enemies. And that God may long preserve your Majesty to Reign over us, and that there may never be wanting a Protestant Successor upon the Throne, is and shall always be our hearty Prayers. Sign'd at *Hamilton* the 23d Day of *April*, 1708.

The humble Address of the Bishop, Dean and Chapter, and the Clergy of the Diocess of *Bangor*; presented by the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of *Bangor*.

The humble Address of the Chief Justice of the Isle of *Ely*, Deputy Lieutenants, Justices of the Peace, Grand-Jury, at an Assizes held for the said Isle the 19th Day of *April*, in the Year of our Lord 1708, and of the Clergy and Gentlemen met at the Assizes.

The humble Address of the Burgesses and Inhabitants of the Borough of *Minehead*, in the County of *Somerset*; presented to Her Majesty by Sir *Jacob Banks*.

The humble Address of the Provost, Bailiffs, and Town-Council of your Majesty's Burgh of *Stanraer*, in *Lochryan*, in the Shire of *Galloway*, in *North-Britain*; presented to Her Majesty by the Earl of *Londoun*.

The humble Address of the Provost, Bailiffs, Dean of Gild, and Town-Council of the Burgh of *Linlithgow*, presented to Her Majesty by Sir *Patrick Johnston*, introduc'd by the Rt. Hon. the Earl of *Londoun*.

The humble Addresses of the Provost, Bailiffs and Council of the City of *Aberdeen*, in that part of the Kingdom of *Great Britain* call'd *Scotland*, for themselves and in name of the Community thereof; presented to Her Majesty by the Right Honourable the Earl of *Mar*, principal Secretary of State for *Scotland*.

The humble Addresses of the City of *Waterford*, County of *Catherlogh*, County and Town of *Sligoe*, County of *Lymerick*, County of *Letrim*, County of *Antrim*, County of *Westmeath*, County of *Ardmagh*, County of *Downe*, County Palatine of *Tipperary*, County of *Monaghan*, Town and Borough of *Longford*, County of *Cavan*, County of *Tyrone*, and County of *Langford*, in the Kingdom of *Ireland*, were transmitted to his Excellency the Earl of *Pembroke*, and by him presented to Her Majesty.

All which Addresses her Majesty receiv'd very graciously.

Venice, May 4. *N. S.* The Emperor has lately order'd, That all the Cannon which was heretofore remov'd by the French out of the Dutchy of Modena and Guastalla into Cremona, and other Parts of the Milanese, shall be convey'd to the several Towns and Castles from whence they were taken. This Disposition has rais'd a Jealousie, that those Directions are given only to cover a Design of putting Ferrara into the Hands of the Duke of Modena, to which City and Dutchy that Prince has just Pretensions. The Pope is under so much Concern from these Appearances, that stricter Orders than usual are observ'd in the Garrison of Ferrara. The Gates are shut at an earlier Hour, and are open'd at a later than ordinary, and the Guards doubled at every Post. The Cannon which was carried from Mirandola is to be return'd thither, and in the mean time his Imperial Majesty has granted the Dutchy of Mirandola to the Duke of Modena, and declar'd, that if in a general Treaty of Peace the Duke of Mirandola should be restor'd, it shall still be provided, that he and his Heirs shall hold their Dutchy in Subjection to the Duke of Modena. Many of the Modeneze Persons of Quality are preparing to attend their Duke to Milan, where he intends to wait upon the Queen of Spain as she passes thro' that Country. They write from Naples, that the Viceroy had order'd *Te Deum* to be sung, and the Cannon round the Castle fir'd, upon receiving Intelligence of the Miscarriage of the Invasion design'd by the French upon Scotland. A considerable Body, consisting of Horse and Foot, is order'd to march to the Puglia, for the Security of the Kingdom against the Turks, and the Invasion threatned by those of Messina. A Bark from thence, in which were several Persons of Quality bound for France, is taken by a Neopolitan Tartan. The Chevalier Baptista Nani, is excus'd from serving this State in the Character of Ambassador to Constantinople, for which Employment another will be chosen to Morrow.

Lisbon, May 8. *N. S.* We have lately receiv'd eight Mails from Great Britain almost at the same time; before the Arrival of those Advices, the Enemy had been so industrious to spread Reports of a mighty Force intended to invade those Kingdoms, that we were not without Apprehensions for the Event. The Court has receiv'd the News of their Disappointment with great Satisfaction, and the Boasts on this Occasion have wholly discountenanced such as are esteem'd Persons inclin'd to the Interests of France. Sir John Leake, with the British Fleet under his Command, sail'd from hence this Morning, having waited for a fair Wind four Days after he was in a readiness. The fitting of the Transports to bring the German Horse from Italy made it impossible to be sooner prepar'd for the Voyage. The French Forces on the side of Portugal are no way suitable to the Threats pronounced against this Kingdom in the ensuing Campaign. Fifteen Regiments of Foot, and eight of Horse, both which Bodies make about 8000 Men, are all they can bring into the Field. 'Tis said they have undermin'd the Works of Maura and Serpa, in order to abandon those Places; and at the same time 'tis reported, they are to receive a considerable Reinforcement from Andalusia, as soon as our Fleet is gone into the Streights: But ev'n after such an Addition we do not expect that they will be superior to us. His Excellency the Earl of Gallway has presented his Credentials, had an Audience of his Majesty, and taken upon him the Character of British Ambassador. The Lord Ambassador Methuen is preparing for his Return to Great Britain.

Turin, May 2. *N. S.* Capt. Stanhope is arriv'd at Leghorne from Naples, with two Tartans laden with Powder and Saltpetre, which will be sent with the Fleet to Barcelona. We hear from Milan, That the Marquis de Prié, Commissary and Plenipotentiary from the Emperor to the Italian Princes, for the Regulation of their Contributions, is arriv'd there from Vienna, in order to demand an immediate Payment of those Subsidies. The Marquis d'Andourne, one of the Generals de Battaile to his Royal Highness, is order'd to take the Field in the Valey of Susa with a flying Camp 'till the Army is assembled. Count de Roque is also gone thither to command on that Frontier. The greater number of his Royal Highness's Troops are on their March to their respective Posts, according to the Disposition already made for their Acting near Suza, and in the Valley of Aost. Marshal Wetzel, to whom Marshal Staremberg has committed the Command of the Imperial Troops which are to be transported into Catalonia, is arriv'd here from Milan, to concert the proper Measures with the British Envoy for their Embarkation upon the first Arrival of the Fleet. Major-General Schellard, Commander in Chief of the Palatine Cavalry, adds his Assistance to the Dispatch of this Affair, in behalf of his Master's Forces design'd for the same Service.

Vienna, May 5. *N. S.* The Cardinal of Saxe-Zeitz, and the Count of Traun, Marshal of Lower-Austria, who came hither to assist at the Ceremony of the King of Spain's Marriage with the Princess of Wolfenbutsel, are return'd to Presburg; from whence 'tis advis'd,